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ABSTRACT

This collection of papers includes 6 parts. Part 1, "Latino Populations in the United States," includes: (1) "Latino Health Policy: Beyond Demographic Determinism" (Angelo Falcon, Marilyn Aguirre-Molina, and Carlos W. Molina); (2) "Latino Health Status" (Olivia Carter-Pokras and Ruth Enid Zambrana); and (3) "Latino Access To Health Care: The Role of Insurance, Managed Care, and Institutional Barriers" (J. Emilio Carrillo, Fernando M. Trevino, Joseph R. Betancourt, and Alberto Coustasse). Part 2, "Latino Life Stages and Health," includes: (4) "The Early Years: The Health of Children and Youth" (Glenn Flores and Ruth Enid Zambrana); (5) "The Reproductive Years: The Health of Latinas" (Aida L. Giachello); (6) "The Later Years: The Health of Elderly Latinos" (Valentine M. Villa and Fernando M. Torres-Gil); and (7) "Latino Mental Health and Treatment in the United States" (William A. Vega and Margarita Alegria). Part 3, "Patterns of Chronic Diseases among Latinos," includes: (8) "The Impact of Cancer on Latino Populations" (Amelie G. Ramirez and Lucina Suarez); (9) "Cardiovascular Disease" (Eliseo Perez-Stable, Teresa Juarbe, and Gina Moreno-John); (10) "Diabetes" (Jose Alejandro Luchsinger); and (11) "Gender, Context, and HIV Prevention among Latinos" (Hortensia Amaro, Rodolfo R. Vega, and Dellanira Valencia). Part 4, "Occupational Health and the Latino Workforce," includes: (12) "Occupational Health among Latino Workers in the Urban Setting" (Rafael Moure-Eraso and George Friedman-Jimenez) and (13) "Health and Occupational Risks of Latinos Living in Rural America" (Kathryn Azevedo and Hilda Ochoa Bogue). Part 5, "Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use among Latinos," includes: (14) "Alcohol Use and Alcohol-Related Problems among Latinos in the United States" (Raul Caetano and Frank Hector Galvan); (15) "Tobacco Use among Latinos" (Gerardo Marin); and (16) "Latino Drug Use: Scope, Risk Factors, and Reduction Strategies" (Andres G. Gil and William A. Vega). Part 6, "A New Health Agenda," offers (17) "Latino Health Policy: A Look To the Future" (Marilyn Aguirre-Molina, Angelo Falcon, and Carlos W. Molina). (Papers contain references.) (SM)

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